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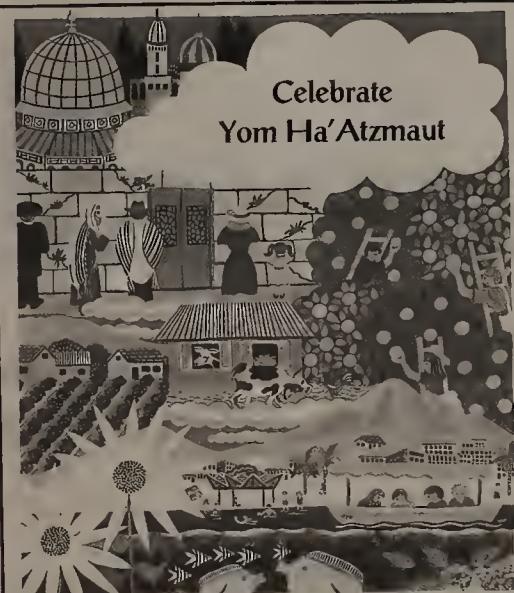


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Community invited to celebrate 46 years of Israeli independence

By Diane Koven Poriah

If the enthusiasm of the coordinating committee is any indication, this year's Yom Ha'Atzmaut celebration should be, without doubt, one of the most exciting that Ottawa has ever seen!

For the first time in several years, the event will be held at 151 Chapel Street. Congregation Beth Shalom joins the official "hosts," the Jewish Community Centre and the Israel Program Centre, in inviting all members of the community to participate on Wednesday, April 13.

Beginning at 5:00 pm, Jack Smith Kosher Catering will be providing food in the Social Hall for those who find it easier to come directly from work or school. Food service will temporarily cease at 6:15 and will begin again immediately following the Yom HaZikaron memorial ceremony. This solemn and moving ceremony will include a musical presentation and dramatic reading by FloraLove Katz and her mother, Ruth Katz.

Several surprises are in store during the Yom Ha'Atzmaut celebration — things to see and things

to do. You'll find out when you get here!

Activities for young children are new this year. There will be face painting and a special visit by Hoppy the Dinosaur. The JCC wants everyone to come out and celebrate!

The Hillel Academy Choir will be performing again this year, and the featured entertainment will be Yaakov Sassi and his band. Come prepared to sing and dance the night away.

If you have not yet sent in your \$46.00 contribution (representing one dollar for each year of Israel's independence), there is still time to do so. Even if it doesn't reach the JCC by April 8, in time for you to be listed in the program, the money will still help to defray costs for this community-wide event and enable every member of the community to celebrate with NO ADMISSION CHARGE. The JCC is dedicated to this policy and, with your help, will ensure that it continues.

Chairpersons Arlene and Perry Medecoff urge everyone in the community to come and join the party.

William Grossman is B'nai Brith "Citizen of the Year"

Often described as "a mover and a shaker among community leaders" William Grossman has been chosen as the B'nai Brith Ottawa Lodge 1993 Citizen of the Year.

At a dinner to be held on June 21, 1994 at Congregation Machziki Hadass, this *doer and giver* of the first magnitude will be honoured for his generosity to a multitude of causes. In addition to his financial commitment, he also gives of his time, energy and labour. William Grossman is an exemplary exponent of the Jewish ethic of *mitzvot*.

Born on June 23, 1913, in Czechoslovakia, William Grossman has been a devoted family man all his life: to his late parents, David and Esther, and others in the 'old country'; to his wife, Lenke Simkovic, to whom he has been married 48 years; to his children, Thomas and Vera, son-in-law Leslie and to his grandchildren, Jeremy, Andrew and Michael.

That only begins to tell the story, however. William Grossman's devotion to family extends beyond the concept of one's personal tribe. Of course, his greatest joy and loyalty reside in his personal and extended family relatives. But, for him, the concept of family includes his community. All his adult life, he has supported this concept and has derived significant satisfaction in supporting groups that encompass the Ottawa Jewish community, the greater Ottawa community, Canada and Israel.

Although Grossman has won countless Jewish, community and industry awards, he is probably most pleased with the International "Ben Gurion Centennial Award." The award, a beautiful sculptured bust of the late prime minister, was presented to him at a Gala Dinner in his honour in May 1987, in recognition of his support for the State of Israel.

Among his many community affiliations Grossman has been on the Board of Directors of the Ottawa Vaad Ha'ir and the Talmud Torah Board. He has served for many years as president of the Ottawa Free Loan Association and as a governor of Beth Shalom Synagogue.

He has also held the position of treasurer for several organizations including: State of Israel Bonds, the Free Loan Society of Natanya, Israel and Beth Shalom Synagogue.

Perhaps one of the most meaningful expressions of this Jewish ethic in William Grossman's life has been his work over many years with Hillel



Lodge. Although he has supported a myriad of Jewish and other organizations in Ottawa and elsewhere, he has always loved Hillel Lodge with a fervent passion. He served on its Board of Directors, but also regularly participated in the *minyan*. He led major fundraising drives on behalf of the Lodge, and also stepped in personally with hands-on labour and supplies when a specific job needed to be done.

Like many Jewish immigrants to Canada, William Grossman arrived in December, 1949 with few financial resources but with an abundance of 'chutzpah.' After several years in Canada, he bought the small transport company for which he worked and started business with one truck, and dreams of success.

He fulfilled those dreams beyond even his wildest expectations. His parent company, Boyd Moving & Storage Ltd., evolved over the years to become the diversified Boyd Group of Companies, which oversees 11 companies and divisions that deal with everything from moving to commercial warehousing and distribution services to records management and travel.

The *Canadian Press* has acknowledged William Grossman as the "Number One Man" in the moving and storage industry in Canada, a title

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COMMENTARY

Observing Yom HaShoah and Yom Ha'Atzmaut

This is the time of year when we recognize two very significant and seemingly opposite events in our modern era — Yom HaShoah and Yom Ha'Atzmaut. I say seemingly because history would seem to indicate a very significant link between the Shoah and the establishment of the State of Israel.

In our own community both events are observed in a fashion appropriate to their significance.

We have always had a very active Shoah (Holocaust) Committee in Ottawa. It is a committee of the Ottawa Vaad Ha'ir that operates in our Community Relations area. The overall chair of the Community Relations Committee is Ron Singer, while Lea Kalin chairs the Shoah



VAAD REPORT

DR. BERNARD DOLANSKY
PRESIDENT, VAAD HA'IR

Committee. I strongly encourage the community to attend the Yom HaShoah observance on April 19. Details can be found on page 3 of the Bulletin.

Three days later our community will celebrate

Yom Ha'Atzmaut. This very freilach event is organized through the auspices of the Jewish Community Centre and this year the chairs are Perry and Arlene Medicoff. I urge the community to reward their efforts in the most meaningful way possible by attending this celebration whether it be as an individual or a family.

Yom HaShoah and Yom Ha'Atzmaut with their contrasting moods and their historical links both demonstrate the value of our community's organizational strength under the Vaad. As well, because we observe both days at the same time as Jews all over the world, they are another demonstration of how local United Jewish Appeal tzadakah helps us maintain our meaningful links to Kahal Yisroel.



FROM THE PULPIT

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The power of dreams

Almost 100 years ago at the Zionist Congress, an attempt was made by Theodore Herzl and some of his backers to promote the acceptance of Uganda as a substitute for Eretz Israel in which to build a Jewish homeland. Chaim Weizman, in his autobiography described the emotions of the Eastern European Jews and their allies in blocking this proposal. Several decades earlier, a prominent American Jew, Mordecai E. Noah, tried to establish a Jewish sanctuary on Grand Island in the Niagara River, near Buffalo, New York but no one came.

Only Eretz Israel has been able to capture the hearts and minds of all Jews, no matter their land of birth. Perhaps we understand this best today, when so much of Israel's archaeology, its accompanying history and the holy sites are so readily available to us. A sense of awe and amazement overwhelms us at the Western Wall or when we stand on the southern steps leading into the Temple. We can almost hear the prophets in their messages to our ancestors.

Thus our visits to Israel are a great deal more than holidays, despite the beaches, the museums and the other pleasures so available to us today. We enjoy them, but we also emerge from the experience aware of other dimensions to Jewish life, at times not nearly as vivid to us who live in the Diaspora. How many of us, not just our teenagers, return with a sense of longing and a realization that there is more to Jewish life and to Israel.

The State of Israel is not just a spot on a map. It is more than a land bridge between Asia and Africa. The very idea, the dream of a return to this land, after

two millennia is the product of the drives, the hopes, the pilgrimages, the prayers and yearnings of so many in past centuries. For them and for us, Jews everywhere in the world, it is not just the pride in the social, economic and martial successes which motivates us but a sense of being part of the promise of God to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, and to the prophets, as understood, taught and expanded by the rabbis, the liturgists and the poets.

In a prayer, developed by the Chief Rabbi, recited each Shabbat in many synagogues, we speak of the State of Israel as the "beginning of the growth, the process of our redemption." It acknowledges that Israel is based upon more than its army, its material achievements and its geography. For it to be healthy, the spiritual requirement must also be present. Despite the tensions, the problems, the worries, the extraordinary diversity, this vital element transcends the politics, the quarrels and the dangers.

As Israel completes her forty-fifth year of existence, with enormous decisions yet to be taken, we who love her, who scan the media for any bit of news about her, no matter where we live, lend our support to the members of the family in the Land of Israel. Hopefully the difficulties of the past and the present will provide not just a painful history but also lessons for the future. May she go from strength to strength and may her population grow in number, in quality and in the spirit of Judaism, showing the power of dreams.

Happy Birthday to the State of Israel, as it realizes its hopes and potential.



President Irving Abella, right, joins CJC Quebec Region Chair Manuel Shacter, left, in a meeting with Reform Party Leader Preston Manning

CJC meets Reform party leader Preston Manning for first time

OTTAWA — A Canadian Jewish Congress delegation, led by President Irving Abella, met in mid-March for the first time with Reform party leader Preston Manning.

Among the issues discussed were immigration, multiculturalism, Nazi war criminals in Canada and national unity.

Professor Abella indicated that CJC raised concerns about certain aspects of Reform's policies on immigration and multiculturalism. Mr. Manning stressed that the Reform Party is pro-immigration, as long as the process is not based on the concept of ethnicity and that immigration levels are connected to the state of the economy.

Professor Abella stressed to Mr. Manning that perceived attacks on immigration add to intolerance not

only in Canada but the world over. "We support measures to eliminate abuse of the system," said the CJC leader, co-author of the best-seller *None is Too Many: Canada and the Jews of Europe*. "It is clear from virtually all studies on the issue, though, that immigrants represent a net benefit to the Canadian economy.

In the past, Canada has accepted considerable numbers of immigrants during periods of economic downswing."

Mr. Manning further noted that his party supports the idea of multiculturalism, but opposes a separate federal bureaucracy to administer the government's policy as well as direct federal funding to ethnic groups. Congress explained its views on the benefits of federal multiculturalism and the positive impact it

has had in combatting racism and anti-Semitism and in building coalitions between ethnic groups.

The Reform party leader also made a pledge to Congress to support the process of prosecuting suspected Nazi war criminals in Canada.

Mr. Manning said that the Reform Party favors a new style of federalism and is interested in establishing roots in Quebec. He plans to invite observers from Quebec to attend his party's policy convention to be held next October in Ottawa.

Joining Professor Abella at the meeting were CJC Quebec Region Chair Manuel Shacter, CJC Director of Legislative Analysis Eric Vernon and CJC National Director of Communications and Israel Affairs Mike Cohen.

Grossman

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even his competitors accept as his well-earned right.

Retirement is not a word in William Grossman's vocabulary. As Chairman of the Board, he continues to be actively involved in the business empire he founded and nurtured. His son, Thomas, and daughter, Vera, both work for the family business.

Tickets for the dinner are \$75 and may be obtained by calling Syd Bosley at 738-1776.

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YOM HASHOAH



Yom HaShoah ceremony

Yom HaShoah, the annual commemoration of the martyrs and heroes of the Holocaust, will be held on Sunday, April 10 at the Jewish Community Centre auditorium at 11:00am.

The ceremony will be conducted indoors this year because of the early April date. Following the commemoration at 12:30pm those wishing to recite Kaddish at the Holocaust Memorial may proceed to the Jewish Community Cemetery on Bank Street.

Lea Kallin, chair of the Shoah (Holocaust) Remembrance Committee which organizes the annual observance, urges people from the entire spectrum of the community to participate in the day of remembrance.

Many 50th anniversary

landmarks connected with the Shoah are being observed in the 1990s, including last year's 50th anniversary commemoration of the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising. This Yom HaShoah, the Ottawa Jewish community will mark the 50th anniversary of the heroic rescue of the Jews of Denmark. By ferrying people to Sweden in an improvised fleet of fishing boats, the citizens of Denmark saved the lives of the vast majority of the country's Jews.

The keynote address will be presented by Zvi Uriel who was rescued from Denmark. A presentation to honor the heroism of the people of Denmark will be made to the Ambassador of Denmark to Canada, Mr. Jorgen Behrke.

For further information, please contact Director of Community Relations Ruth Kahane at 789-7306.

Child survivor displays memories

A child survivor who has painted memories of her lost childhood will display her work publicly for the first time at the Yom HaShoah commemoration.

Dr. Genevieve Benezra, a common law professor at the University of Ottawa, began painting for the first time in 1992. She also wrote poems in Polish, French and English to channel repressed memories.

"I was 'hiding' my post-Shoah memories and feelings for 50 years because I believed that 'no one' was interested in my personal drama. A moral duty to speak was born out of fidelity towards my massacred family, cultural void and emptiness left by the complete destruction of Eastern Europe's Jewish society," she says.

"I am dismayed that so

Dr. Benezra's work will be on display in the Jewish Community Centre auditorium in conjunction with the Yom HaShoah commemoration on Sunday, April 10 at 11:00 a.m.

many educated people in North America still ignore Shoah atrocities and either demonstrate anti-Semitic bias or question already established historical facts about the Holocaust."

Known as 'Genya' by her friends, she uses her Yiddish name 'Guta' in her paintings. Her paintings portray the destruction of her birthplace Poland where she was given up to a Christian family as an infant and raised as a Christian until she was a teenager.



Painting by Dr. Genevieve Benezra

She painfully recalls that as a teenager she was called a "dirty Jew" by anti-Semites, yet rejected as a "shikse" by remaining Jewish relatives when they first met her in France.

"I lived a double-identity personae for a long time suf-

fering from these unresolved dilemmas."

Dr. Benezra says she lays no personal claim to artistic sophistication. Rather it has been important for her to be able to explore her emotions through her dream-like images.

Third Generation

By Claire Brickell

To me, three generations removed from the Shoah means lists of endless unanswered questions . . . something that lurks around the edges of our murky but not so distant history . . . something that everyone seems to know but that nobody wants to talk about . . . something about the way my grandmother's face saddens whenever the war is mentioned . . . something about the millions of people who nobody can seem to find.

The questions start early. My grandmother's cousin, Lucy, was visiting from the States. She was wearing a short-sleeved shirt and, when she lifted her arm to pour herself a cup of coffee, it was hard not to notice the five digit number tattooed into her forearm. Curious, I opened my mouth to ask "What's that?" but my mother shushed me saying "Don't ask, I'll tell you later."

After cousin Lucy had left, my mother sadly explained to me about the concentration camps where starving, beaten, diseased people ceased to be human beings and became numbers in the devil's arithmetic . . . always subtracting, then dividing, then subtracting again. The only addition the Nazi devil ever made was on the burdens of terror that lie so heavily on the small shoulders of the survivors . . . on the shoulders of the man who woke up screaming

every morning for 45 years after his release from Auschwitz... or the people who can't stand the sight of trains, or drink from mugs or wear stripes... on the shoulders of the ones who think guiltily to themselves "Why did I survive, what did I do to be so lucky?" until it doesn't feel like luck at all.

Ever since cousin Lucy's visit, I've been asking many questions about the Shoah. How could people do this? Why did they do this? Did they realize what they were doing? . . . and the question that comes back to haunt me time and time again "If I were treated the way Nazis treated the Jews would I want to live? . . . and another one, "Why do I really want to know?"

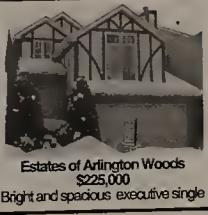
At least I know the answer to that one. I'm afraid . . . afraid of not knowing, afraid that it will happen again, and I won't be able to stop it. The one good thing that the third generation gives me is a sense of gratitude. It makes me glad to be born today in times of peace, glad to be able to show the Nazis that the Jews are still here, that they didn't succeed in wiping us out despite all the camps, guns and gas chambers. I think it's fitting to end all these questions with the one unanswerable question that we so often ask, "Why?"

Claire Brickell is a student at Akiva High School and Lycee Claudel.

Trapped

All they could see was fire Surrounding them, encircling them; Paralyzed with fear, they turned to the door - Fire! They watched the furniture slowly burn They knew they would be next. And all they could do was wait - Screaming! Crying and wailing! They were cries of no hope And one by one They slowly drowned out - Disappeared!

By Annette Hill
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A Holocaust Rescuer Is Herself Rescued From Siege of Sarajevo

By JOHN KIFNER

Special to The New York Times

SARAJEVO, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Feb. 7 — In the darkest days of World War II, Zeljka Harteaga-Susic's Muslim family hid Jews from Nazis and their Croatian allies but on the eve of death.

On Saturday morning, the 76-year-old woman boarded a bus convoy organized by an American Jewish agency evacuating about 300 people from the city's brutal 22-month siege.

"I am very, very sorry to leave Sarajevo," the old woman said, as her daughter Aida blinked back tears in the seat next to her. "All my family, all my life is here."

Muslim Honored by Israel

Mrs. Harteaga-Susic was the first Muslim to be honored by the Israeli Government as a "righteous gentile," a title awarded those who tried to protect Jews from persecution. After her own father was killed in a death

An American Jewish agency takes 300 refugees from Bosnia.

camp during the war, she continued to smuggle food to Jews in hiding.

Officials of the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee, which arranged the evacuation, made special efforts to be sure that Mrs. Harteaga-Susic and her daughter, son-in-law and granddaughter were aboard.

"When we get to Israel, we shall never

forget the children, the grandchildren

and all of Sarajevo," she said. "I shall

tell them good stories and bad stories."

Fittingly, in a city that prides itself on religious tolerance, only about a third of the people boarding the six buses that pulled up

Jewish. The rest were Muslims, or Serbs, who are Orthodox Christians, or Croats, who are Roman Catholic, or offspring of mixed marriages.

About 53 of the evacuees will go to Israel, officials said.

Sarajevo's Jewish community traces its roots to the expulsion of the Jews from Spain in 1492 during the Spanish Inquisition. Many arrived here carrying the keys to their homes in Spain in the belief that they would soon return there, and many of the keys have been handed down through many generations. When Sarajevo became part of the Austrian Empire in 1718, Ashkenazi Jews from Eastern Europe joined the original Sephardim, although the two communities remained separate for many years.

There were 12,000 Jews in the city on the eve of World War II. Roughly 90 percent of them were killed during the Nazi occupation.

Before Saturday's evacuation, there were only about 600 Jews left in the city.

In order to insure safe passage for the convoy, a route was plotted through various war lords over which certain "the buses would pass. These included diesel fuel, one of the most precious commodities here, and cases of champagne to various generals.

As Eli Eliezer, the chief organizer of the evacuation, busied about with a precious folder of permission letters from Bosnia, Serbian and Croatian officials through whose territory the bus convoy would pass, a small crowd gathered around him and said their goodbyes to friends, neighbors and relatives.

"They are young, they wanted to leave," said Biljana Ilic, a Serb, crying as she waved goodbye to her daughter and son-in-law, who has a Serb mother and a Muslim father.

"We don't know if we will ever see each other again," said her other daughter, Vesna Ilic-Solak. "But we are happy that at least the two of them will be safe now."

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We Never Forget Our Friends

Just a few weeks ago, as the world agonized over Sarajevo, a bus convoy rescued some 300 innocent people from this war-torn city.

The convoy was organized by the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee (JDC) in cooperation with the Jewish Agency — two major beneficiaries of the United Jewish Appeal of Ottawa.

This vital work is made possible by our Jewish community through the United Jewish Appeal of Ottawa.

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ORGANIZATIONS AND PEOPLE

Author of *Schindler's List* to speak at Victor Tribute

The Organizing Committee of the State of Israel Bonds and the Hebrew University of Jerusalem Stephen Victor Tribute Dinner, taking place on Monday, May 30 is pleased to announce that Thomas Keneally, one of the great literary figures of our time, will be the featured speaker. Mr. Keneally replaces the previously announced New York State Governor Mario Cuomo, who has re-entered the gubernatorial race and has now cancelled all speaking engagements.

When Australian-born author Thomas Keneally walked into a luggage store in Beverly Hills a decade ago and first heard the story of Oskar Schindler, he set in motion the chain of events that culminated in the release of Steven Spielberg's Oscar winning movie, *Schindler's List*, based on Keneally's Booker Prize and *Los Angeles Times* winning novel.

While *Schindler's List* is probably Keneally's best known work, it is but an ongoing, albeit spectacular, achievement of a long and colorful career.

Thomas Keneally has published over 25 novels which have spanned five continents. He has also composed travel narratives and written more than a dozen screenplays. His work has been translated into virtually every published language.

He is a distinguished member of the world literary community and achieved great prominence in his academic career.



Thomas Keneally

In October of 1993, Keneally was inducted into the American Academy of Arts and Science. He also leads the Australian Republican Movement.

Thomas Keneally is a renowned orator who has spoken at events throughout the world. His appearance at the Tribute Dinner to take place at the Chateau Laurier Hotel will be one of only two appearances he will make in Canada this year.

Hebrew University will host University of Ottawa exchange student

Howard Song, a 4th year Ottawa University biochemistry student, has been selected to spend three months this summer in Israel under the auspices of the Hebrew University/University of Ottawa Academic Exchange. Currently working with Professor Chaim Birnboim at the Ottawa Regional Cancer Centre in the field of tumor metastasis, Mr. Song will continue his research at Hadassah Hospital with Professor Israel Vlodavsky of the Tumor Biology Research Unit, Hadassah-Hebrew University School of Medicine.

Song attended Lissagar Collegiate and was the recipient of many academic awards. During each of his four undergraduate years at the University of Ottawa he was an A+ Merit and Canada Scholarship winner as well as Dean's honor roll student. "Mr. Song is an absolutely superior student and a first-rate candidate for this award," according to Prof. Birnboim. "The exchange program will benefit from a student of this calibre and Mr. Song will receive considerable encouragement at this early stage of his career in biomedical science." For his part, Prof. Vlodavsky recognizes "that there is no doubt we will both benefit from this visit toward a fruitful and long-lasting collaboration between the laboratories at both universities."

The cornerstone of the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Israel's foremost institute of learning, was laid in 1918, on Mount Scopus, Jerusalem. Since that time,



Howard Song

the University has grown from its original three research institutes on Mount Scopus, to four campuses - three in Jerusalem and one in Rishonot. The University has seven faculties, more than 20 schools, and nearly 60 research centres. When the modern State of Israel was established in 1948, the Hebrew University had a faculty of 190, and a student body of 1,027. Today, the University's faculty numbers around 2,200 with a student body of 22,500, of which approximately 3,000 are new immigrants or foreign students.

The Canadian Friends of the Hebrew University was established in 1944, by the late Allan Bronfman of Montreal, with a mandate to raise awareness and financial support for the Hebrew University of Jerusalem. Canadians are active in all aspects of Hebrew University life. Thirteen Canadians sit on the University's International Board of Governors.

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Howard Song is the third participant in the exchange. A portion of the funds realized from the State of Israel Bonds and the Hebrew University of Jerusalem Stephen Victor Tribute Dinner on May 30 will be used to endow this exchange fund in perpetuity.

CAMPUS BEAT

Anti-Semitism on campus

By Cécile Bensimon
4th year Political Science, University of Ottawa

Everyone has discussed, at one time or another, the threat of anti-Semitism that has poisoned our society for centuries. Very few, however, talk about how anti-Semitism relates to university campuses. In fact, while we are readily made aware that anti-Semitism is on the rise in Canada, very few know that it even exists on campuses. It is hard to believe that this form of racism can be propagated in an institution comprised of educated, open-minded and presumably tolerant people. Unfortunately the reality is quite different, for anti-Semitism on Canadian campuses is a painful reality.

The nature of anti-Semitism on campus derives from ignorance and/or hatred and is perpetrated by different student entities. Through the active fundamentalist Arab population, anti-Zionism is most apparent; anti-Semitism is expressed especially in the message of Holocaust deniers. The legitimacy of the Jewish Student's Union, and by extension the Jewish students, is denigrated because of their support for "the racist and aggressor State of Israel."

Anti-Semitic attacks tend to increase when Holocaust themes are displayed on campus where they seem to evoke strong resentment or are taken as provocations by Holocaust deniers or others who want to deny Jews any "sympathy" for the Holocaust. Ignorance is also manifested through the rhetoric of some students, who, using the word "Jew" to curse, often do not understand that what they are saying even in a casual manner stems from a deeply ingrained religious conflict (e.g. Jews as Christ-killers.) Whatever the form anti-Semitism may take, its effects are irrevocable: for the Jewish student, it is demoralizing and alienating; for the university community it breeds hatred and creates tensions.

In many ways, if not in all ways, anti-Semitism on campus is analogous to that in society in general. What is different, however, is what can be done in response. While it is difficult to deal with this issue in a broader societal context, there is a lot that can be done on university campuses. The fight is, a priori, one of prevention. Jewish students should not wait until something has happened to deal with the problem. We should be educating others about who we are, what we do and why we do it. By sharing our identity, our history and our convictions, we can build a better understanding with other members of the university community. Through displays, speakers and other public forums, and by having a strong and visible JSU, we can open new lines of communication between groups and associations on campus. Hopefully, this will alleviate the fear that others may have of Jews and will enable students to flourish in a healthy and truly educational environment.

This is how, we, as institutions, groups or individuals, can fight anti-Semitism and by extension racism. Jewish students on campus can and must do something about it, but not only in a reactive way. Jewish students must get involved before the damage is done.

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Tiny Treasures Playgroup

Mira is hitting a "Barney Pinata" at the Tiny Treasures Playgroup where she is enrolled. The playgroup is sponsored by the Jewish Youth Library of Ottawa and is open to children ages 2-4. The playgroup recently completed a unit on the five senses - and some of the children were blindfolded while they hit "Barney." Everyone enjoyed all the kosher candies inside the Pinata when it was finally broken.

JET begins spring semester

Spring is in the air and the weather is warming up. Now is the time to get out and sign up for classes in Judaism and Torah study. JET has a full slate of classes in its new semester, offering a combination of ongoing classes as well as a number of individual lectures.

The spring schedule begins Tuesday, April 5 at 8:00 pm with *Torah Today*, an ongoing class in Chumash for women, given by Leah Skaist. On Thursday, April 7, the *Bais Medrash* program for men begins its new session. The program begins at 8:00 pm with a Talmud Study group led by JET Director, Rabbi Zischa Shaps. At 9:00 Rabbi Yosch Skaist leads a Halacha study group. A third option of Chavrutah study is available between 8:00 and 10:00 pm. The Thursday night program has been growing steadily and is designed so that newcomers can join at any time.

In addition to these programs which take place at Congregation Machzikel Hadas, JET is offering a series of classes on Monday evenings for both men and women. The first period which will begin at 8:00, will feature a series of lectures starting April 11 with insights into the

Omer, by Rabbi Eliyahu Fuchs. M.D. Danny Friedman will present his popular audio visual presentation *Discovering Jerusalem* for three weeks beginning April 18. On May 9, Rabbi Fuchs will deliver a lecture entitled *Shawuot — Return to Sinai*. The second period which begins at 9:00, will feature an ongoing class called *Learn to Learn Chumash*. This class is geared for those who are looking to improve their vocabulary and grammar skills as well as learning the methodology of studying Chumash with Rashi's commentary. This class which was offered for five weeks before Pesach, has met with tremendous success.

Other ongoing classes include a class in the book of Shmuel given by Rochel Diena in her home at 1441 Edgcliffe on Monday evenings at 8:00 pm. Mrs. Diena is a master teacher with many years of experience. The class is text based and will begin on April 11.

On Thursday mornings, Lauren Shaps takes us *Through the Year and Back Again*, beginning Thursday, April 14 at 9:00 am. This popular class uses the classic work *Book of Our Heritage* to

explore the special days in the Jewish calendar as well as many other relevant topics of the day. This class takes place in the Shaps home at 2836F Sandalwood Dr.

On Sunday evenings, JET is offering a series of classes at Beth Shalom West. Beginning April 10 at 7:00 pm with *The Siddur and You*, led by Debbie Fischman, you can improve your reading skills while learning about the Siddur and the Prayer Service. At 8:00 pm Rabbi Shaps will be offering a series of lectures, beginning with *Making the Omer Count* on April 10. A two-part series titled *Mystical Waters* will be given on April 17 and 24. This special seminar will explore the concept of the Mikveh as well as the joy this ritual brings to married life. On May 1, Rabbi Shaps will deliver a lecture on *Jerusalem — Forever in our Hearts* and on May 8, *Heading Towards Sinai*.

For information about these JET classes or any other programs call Rabbi Shaps at 521-4437. Please see the ad in this issue of the Bulletin for further descriptions of the individual classes. All classes offered by JET are free of charge.

Thoughts on Jewish education

By Arlazar Eliashiv
Vice-principal, Judaic Studies,
Hillel Academy

The primary objective of a Jewish education is to develop a meaningful distinctive Jewish identity. In order to achieve this goal, children should be initiated into the culture, history and spiritual heritage of the Jewish people, to help learn and confront the truth about Jewish history. This serves to create a deep and serious bond to the Jewish people, its identity and

our world, and to preserve and extend our heritage for future generations.

To understand Zionism every student should know the leaders, visionaries and authors of our people. There is a need to understand the Jewish sources embedded in our masterpieces the Mishna, Talmud and Maimonides. Students must learn to understand, recognize and live 3000 years of Judaism.

Students should, for example, be able to recognize a Siddur even if there is no require-

ment of them to believe in God. The Siddur fashioned the Jewish people - without it, it is difficult to understand the pang of Zion (May our eyes behold your return in mercy to Zion) and the Jews' refusal to assimilate in the Diaspora. Prayer is a matter of choice and decision. If a student chooses not to pray, this decision should be made from a point of understanding.

One cannot ignore the spiritual world of our ancestors. One cannot learn

Tanach without understanding the world of Tanach. One cannot ignore the concepts of creation; the Mitzvah and the Miracle.

Is it possible to understand the Second Commonwealth Era without understanding or recognizing the values of Talmud, Mishna and Midrash? Is it possible to understand our Middle Ages without Maimonides, Rabbi Yuda Halevi and Ibn Gviro?

Learning about all the above mentioned promotes and creates the students' un-

derstanding and recognition. It is our obligation as Jewish educators to teach this to our students, to let them learn and be aware of our world views and finally, to let them decide if and how much they choose to identify with it.

Hillel Academy Science Fair

There was a terrific turnout for the Hillel Academy Science Fair, Thursday evening, March 10. Every student in Grades 5-8 had a project on display.

The finalists, previously selected by the Science Fair Coordinator, Sharon Brush and the classroom teachers, were adjudicated by three independent outside judges, Gordon Clarke, Roger Finn and Paul Taylor. The judges were amazed at the quality of the projects. They found the students to be extremely knowledgeable and sophisticated in their presentations and answers.

The Science Fair is sponsored by Rose Lithwick. Her son, Barry Lithwick, presented the Arnold Lithwick Memorial Awards on her behalf.

Winners of the 1993-94 Hillel Academy Science Fair were:

Grade 6 Honorable Mention Jamie Hardy and Jeremy Poraih, Dina Kulik and Ariel Vered

Bronze Avi Davies

Silver Michael Stocker

Gold Dana Shiff

Grade 6 Honorable Mention Noam Hirshberg

Yoni Brukirer

David Mader

Bronze Josh Krane

Silver Stuart Rothman

Gold Tamara Muroff

and Dara Abramson

Grade 7 Honorable Mention Elana Garmise

and Natalie Dwoskin

Gold Jason Goldfarb

Tamara Fathi

Rachel Fynan

Bronze Yehuda Kalserman



Simon Rabinovitch is presented the Arnold Lithwick Memorial Plaque by Barry Lithwick and Science Fair Co-ordinator Sharon Brush

Silver Andrea Wershof

Gold Aviva Hirshberg

Grade 8 Honorable Mention Ilana Gould

Jon Pasher

Rochel Kalserman

Bronze Jory Steinberg

Silver Michael Karlin

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Overall winner of the Arnold Lithwick Memorial Plaque was Simon Rabinovitch. Simon's project was "Borax."



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ORGANIZATIONS AND PEOPLE

Shalom Welcome for newcomers

By Ruth Kahane
Director of Community Relations

The Shalom Welcome Service is helping newcomers to Ottawa find their way into the Jewish community and all that it offers.

Co-chairs Barbara Solomon-Brown and Joel Yan and their committee provide a human link to accompany the information available to newcomers about the community.

Recently re-designed as a joint service of the Jewish Community Council of Ottawa and the Jewish Community Centre, the Shalom Welcome Service is now better equipped to help newcomers become directly involved in community programming as participants and volunteers.

The Shalom Welcome process goes into action when a newcomer contacts the Jewish Community Council. A form is filled out over the phone by the Community Relations staff and the newcomer has an opportunity to ask about any aspect of the community from how to get to the kosher butcher to whether there is a Jewish community-run day care centre.

An orientation package is sent by the Jewish Community Council to give the newcomer the broad community picture. This includes a welcome letter from the president of the Jewish Community Council; a booklet of contacts for all the synagogues, community organizations and agencies; as well as a free copy of the *Ottawa Jewish Bulletin*, a subscription form and a letter from the Ottawa Jewish Telephone Directory. A volunteer from the committee is then assigned to greet each newcomer by phone.

Then the Jewish Community Centre sends a programming package to the newcomer and surveys what programs and activities that person is interested in. The JCC follows up with a personal call.

The organizations, synagogues and agencies in the community play a role in

Anti-racism TV special

Shalom Ottawa commemorated March 21, the International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination, by airing an anti-racism special.

Co-produced and hosted by Marion Silver and Ed Fine, the one-hour special involved a panel discussion with police, education, community and human rights personalities as well as a discussion with three teens from the Ottawa Jewish community.

Panelists included Constable Dan Dunlop, Ottawa Police Bias Crime Unit; Dr. Lorne Rachlis, Ottawa Board of Education Superintendent of Schools; Ron Singer,



Barbara Solomon-Brown
Joel Yan

making the centralized service effective. They have been asked to send representatives to be on the volunteer committee and to attend the events it sponsors for newcomers and also to refer any newcomers they know to the Shalom Welcome Service. If newcomers want to attend a particular shul or organization, the Shalom Welcome representative can be there to greet them when they arrive.

Shalom Welcome parties for newcomers have been legendary for people making contacts and lasting friendships. They are held two to three times a year depending on how many newcomers have been welcomed. Newcomers are invited to two parties during their first year in Ottawa.

At the events, the Shalom Welcome volunteers greet the newcomers. Synagogues and community organizations' representatives bring pamphlets, bulletins and flyers for an information table. A circle is formed and introductions are made. Sometimes there are over a dozen countries of origin.

The Shalom Welcome Service held a Chanukah Latke Party at the Jewish Community Centre in December. The next party will be a family-oriented barbecue and swim at the Jewish Community Campus, 881 Broadview Ave at the end of June.

Joel Yan and Barbara Solomon-Brown extend the welcoming arm of the community to any newcomers, or people who moved to Ottawa in the recent past and would now like to become involved in the Jewish community. If you would like to contact the Shalom Welcome Services, please call 789-7306.



Liberation of Mengele twins 1945. Sora (Seller) Vigorito, 4 1/2, is centre front

N'Shei Chabad

'Mengele twins' survivor to tell story

At a special program sponsored by N'Shei Chabad for the Week of the Jewish Woman, guest speaker, Sora Vigorito, will tell her incredible story. The event will take place Thursday, April 28 at 7:30 pm on Parliament Hill.

Before Vigorito became an observant Jew, she spoke throughout the United States about her experiences during the Holocaust and as one of the few "Mengele twins" survivors.

She still speaks today, but from a different place and with a different message. Her experiences are those of one who found faith and be-

lief in God after the Holocaust. Her story is a fascinating blend of sadness, joy and triumph of the spirit — a rare source of inspiration.

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For further information please call Chaya Leah Berger at 722-5029.

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Former field hospital blooms with Hadassah-WIZO support

By Lynda Taller-Wakter

Ottawa Hadassah-WIZO's Medical Services campaign is underway and will culminate in June with a dinner honoring Buddy Kizell, a valued member. Paula Silver and her committee are banking on a successful campaign to ensure the Israelis who rely on the Asaf Harofe Hospital, Canadian Hadassah-WIZO's project in Israel, continue to receive progressive medical treatment.

The Asaf Harofe Hospital, near Tel Aviv, has been supported by funds raised during Medical Services campaigns since 1950. To date, monies raised by Canadian Hadassah-WIZO have helped to buy and furnish a hydrotherapy pool, day care centre, state-of-the-art diagnostic imaging centre, the recently completed Ophthalmology Department, the School of Nursing and ambulances.

Though the hospital has



Inside building Hadassah-WIZO Canada has remodelled

been transformed into a medical centre from its earlier field hospital use during British Mandate days. The centre still needs over \$20 million to ensure it has the most up-to-date equipment.

Asaf Harofe serves a population of 250,000 and admits 30,000 patients annually to its wards. Of 660 beds, 600 are now located in permanent buildings. They had been, until as recently as a year ago, in the original British barracks. The hospital employs a staff of 1200.

The medical centre is affiliated with the Sackler School of Medicine at Tel Aviv University. Hadassah-WIZO's funding has helped to transform its 'poor step-brother' image to the third largest hospital in Israel.

To make a donation toward Asaf Harofe, please call the Ottawa office at 226-3850. To make a donation to Scandiplan, Hadassah-WIZO International's project at Hadassah Hospital, please contact Ibyola Goldberg at 737-5566.

Magen David Adom responds to Hebron crisis

Immediately upon receiving the initial notification of the massacre of Arab worshippers at the Tomb of the Patriarchs at sunrise, Friday February 25, the Magen David Adom Central First Aid station in Jerusalem moved into alert.

Thirteen ambulances and two mobile intensive care units (MICU's) were put in high readiness to provide emergency medical aid and, if required, to evacuate Arab casualties to hospitals in Jerusalem and other parts of Israel for further medical treatment.

In addition, 11 MDA ambulances deployed in the settlements of Judea (Mt. Hebron area) were also readied to back up the Israeli and Arab ambulances for further medical treatment.

The MDA blood services centre established contact with the Arab hospitals in East Jerusalem, Bethlehem/Beit Jalla and Hebron where the injured were hospitalized and offered to provide any quantity of blood needed.

Simultaneously the MDA blood services centres in several communities organized blood donation drives, where a large quantity of blood

units were collected for the Arab hospitals. Consequently, blood collection activity was carried out by MDA teams in Arab towns and villages in Israel to enable their people to donate

blood for the Arabs injured in the territories. The blood

was used after first undergoing appropriate laboratory

tests at the MDA National

Blood Services Centre in Tel

Hashomer/Ramat Gan.

ELAINE RABIN
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Volunteer Corner

JFS depends on volunteers to deliver many of its services to the community. No matter how challenging the request (and there are many), we are able to make a difference because of the generosity of volunteers. Here are some ways you can make a difference:

1. Check in on a frail elderly person with a morning call!
2. Make spring and summer more enjoyable for someone, with occasional outings.
3. Join a group of volunteers helping immigrants with conversational English.

Call Bev Groster at 789-1800.

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Schedule of Classes April 5 - May 12
At Congregation Machzikel Hadas — 2310 Virginia Drive

Monday Evenings

Period One: 8:00 - 9:00 PM

The Omer

April 11 - Rabbi Eliehu Fuchs M.D.

The period between Pesach and Shavuot is a time of preparation for the giving of the Torah. We also mourn the deaths of the students of Rabbi Akiva. Join Rabbi Fuchs for an in-depth look at the deeper meaning behind this special period of the Jewish year.

Discovering Jerusalem

April 18 - May 2 - Danny Friedman

Explore the significance of recent discoveries in the city of Jerusalem, including the City of David, excavations around the Temple Mount, and the Jewish Quarter. This class will include audio-visual presentations.

Shavuot — Return to Sinai

May 9 - Rabbi Eliehu Fuchs M.D.

The holiday of Shavuot is not just a commemoration of our receiving the Torah but a renewal of our commitment to G-d and His Torah.

Period Two: 9:00 - 10:30 PM

Learn to Learn Chumash

April 11 - June 16 - Rabbi Yosef Skafit

Develop your skills in reading Chumash and Rashi. This class will focus on learning how to learn Torah. Basic reading skills required. This class will be continuing throughout the year.

Tuesday Evenings

Torah Today

April 5 - May 10 - 8:00 - 9:00 PM

Mrs. Leah Stasit

Torah comes alive as we journey through the Torah with Rashi and other commentaries. Chumash is made relevant to our everyday lives. This class will be continuing throughout the year. For women only.

Thursday Evenings

April 7 - June 16

Bais Medrash Program

Chavrusah Study

Arrange to learn, in text, with one or two study partners and develop your knowledge and skills in Torah study. Pre-registration required.

Talmud Study Group

8:00 - 9:00 PM

Rabbi Zechary Shaps

This group will enable the newcomer to Talmud as well as the experienced Talmudist a chance to hone their skills. The group is studying Tractate Bava Metzia.

Halacha Study Group

Rabbi Yosef Skafit

Join this dynamic group studying the laws of Jewish daily life from the Kitzur Shulchan Aruch, Concise Code of Jewish Law, in the original text. For beginners and intermediates.

At the Home of Lauren Shaps — 2836 F Sandalwood Drive

Thursday Mornings

Through the Year and Back Again

April 14 - June 16 - 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM

Mrs. Lauren Shaps

Using the classic work, Book of Our Heritage, this class explores the laws, customs and vibrant meaning of the special dates of the Jewish calendar.

At the Home of Rochel Dina — 1441 Edgcliffe Ave.

Monday Evenings

The Book of Shmuel

April 11 - May 9 - 8:00 PM

Mrs. Rochel Dina

Join master teacher Rochel Dina for a text-based in-depth study of the Book of Shmuel. Beginning with Shmuel I, this class will continue on a weekly basis throughout the year. Text is required. Pre-registration is appreciated.

At Beth Shalom West — 15 Chartwell Ave.

Sunday Evenings

Period One: 7:00 - 8:00 PM

The Siddur and You

April 10 - May 8

Mrs. Debbie Fishman

Improve your reading skills while learning about the structure of the Siddur and the holiday services. This class will place an emphasis on understanding the prayers as well as reading them.

Period Two: 8:00 - 9:00 PM

Rabbi Zechary Shaps

Making the Omer Count

April 10

Discover the meaning behind the counting of the Omer, the Rabbinic customs of the period and the deeper significance of the time between Pesach and Shavuot.

Mystical Waters

April 17 - 24

A presentation of the spiritual, psychological and practical underpinnings of the Mikveh observance. In two independent sessions this seminar will explain the concept of this most misunderstood ritual and show how it brings joy, freshness and fulfillment to married life.

Jerusalem — Forever in our Hearts

May 1

The City of Jerusalem lies at the heart of our thoughts and prayers. What is so special about this holy city and why did G-d choose it as the site of His holy Temple?

Heading Towards Sinai

May 8

Join us for a journey to Mount Sinai to receive the Torah once again on the holiday of Shavuot. An exploration of the laws and customs of the holiday and how to prepare for receiving G-d's greatest gift.

All JET classes are offered free of charge. To register or for more information, please call 521-4437.

ORGANIZATIONS AND PEOPLE

Weizmann Institute

Dr. Vivian Rakoff to speak

By Geri Migicovsky

The Ottawa Chapter of the Canadian Society for the Weizmann Institute of Science invites the community to hear Dr. Vivian Morris Rakoff, F.R.C.P. (C) on Wednesday, April 20.

Dr. Rakoff, a renowned psychiatrist, was born in Cape Town, South Africa and came to Canada in 1961. He has had a most distinguished career in both Montreal and Toronto and is Professor

Emeritus, University of Toronto, Clarke Institute of Psychiatry.

Dr. Rakoff has hosted many television and radio shows and, in addition to his vast knowledge, the wit with which he presents his talk is extremely engaging.

The subject of his talk, "The Brutal Initiation Rites of Most Societies and the Benign Bar Mitzvah: An Anthropological Overview" is one that will be most pro-

vocative and will, no doubt, result in a very lively discussion.

The program to begin at 7:30 p.m. will take place in the Social Room of The Sussex, 40 Batelet St.

There is no charge for members of the Friends of the Weizmann Institute of Science. Non-members will be charged \$5. Membership will be available at the door. Please RSVP to the Chapter office... 236-3391.



Dr. Vivian M. Rakoff

Agudath Israel Sisterhood

Meeting on breast cancer

Agudath Israel Sisterhood is presenting an information meeting comprising of a lecture and slides on breast cancer by the Ontario Breast Screening Program.

This program will take place on Thursday, April 21, at Agudath Israel Synagogue 1400 Colborne Ave. at 8:00 pm.

The meeting will provide up-to-date information conveyed by Benita Katz of the Health Promotion Office, Ottawa Regional Centre.

All medical questions will be addressed by a nurse. Women of all ages will benefit from this informative evening.

There is a \$5 charge for the program, which includes dessert and coffee. To RSVP, call the synagogue office by April 18, at 728-3501.

Violence in the schools

The issue of Violence in the Schools will be the topic of a panel discussion scheduled to take place on Tuesday, April 12, at 8 pm, at Congregation Machzikei Hadass, 2310 Virginia Drive.

The program, sponsored by Machzikei Hadass Sisterhood, will be moderated by Rabbi Reuven Bulka and panelists will include several authorities in the field.

Members of the community are invited to attend and learn what they can do to prevent this problem from spreading.

Refreshments will follow and there is no charge for this program. For further information, contact the program chair, Myra Marko at 523-3831.

Teensy Tykes and Toddlers Culture Club

Sunday Program provides valuable quality time

By Brenda Caplan

With so many parents working full-time during the week, a Sunday program for parents and kids fills a real need.

About a year ago the Teensy Tykes and Toddlers Culture Club started in Nepean. It is an exciting bi-monthly Sunday morning activity for children aged three and under and their parents.

It offers a wonderful way to involve the family in great "quality-time" activities.

At Maimonides School, 25 Esquimalt Ave., the preschool classroom hums with the sounds of arts and crafts projects, songs, games and stories in preparation for the nearest upcoming Jewish holiday, Science Fair, or other exciting theme.

ECE specialists, along with their assistants, use puppets, playdough, paint and paper to involve the children in various age-appropriate activities.

For those who want to exercise or play there is a full indoor playground with a climbing structure and ride-on vehicles.

There's also a sand box



Making hamantaschen

and blocks and puzzles for small motor skills.

Some of the upcoming Teensy Tykes and Toddlers Culture Club programs include creative cookies and dessert making, "Shalom Israel" in songs and crafts, "Lag B'omer Bonfire and

Cave", "Climb Every Mountain" and a visit with baby farm animals.

The cost of each program is \$3.50 and includes a healthy, kosher snack. You can come to all or any of the sessions.

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ing older siblings.

Also associated with the club is Fun Family Fitness, an interactive gym program for moms, dads and their kids.

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Tea co-convenors Marsha Maslove, left, and Heather Parker Cohen with watercolor by Sylvia Garay

Negev Chapter, Ottawa Hadassah-WIZO

President's Tea set for April 17

The Negev Chapter of Ottawa Hadassah-WIZO's fourth Annual President's Tea will be held on Sunday, April 17 from 2:00-4:30pm at the home of Marion Mayman, 14 Camwood Crescent.

Co-convenors Marsha Maslove and Heather Parker Cohen report that this year's

tea will honour all current Ottawa chapter presidents.

Tea donors will have a chance to win a beautiful watercolor, valued at \$500, donated by well-known Ottawa artist, Sylvia Garay.

The artist, whose works have been shown throughout Canada, has titled the

painting, *A Basket of Cyclamen*.

In addition, a few local craftspeople will be featured, including the Chapter's own Janet Agulnik and Roz Tabachnick.

Come and enjoy "high tea" in grand style with the members of Negev Chapter.

Singles attend elegant champagne party

By Estelle Melzer

Ottawa architect and artist Peter Schwartzman played gracious host, as over 60 singles gathered in his spectacular multi-level town home in the Glebe for a delightful evening of socializing. The house itself contributed to the special feel of the party, it became the setting for an informal exhibit of delights which people were invited to explore and discover.

Exotic travel movies beckoned on the lowest level of the house. On the second level, dance music played and couples swayed together in the relaxed and pleasant mood set by the informal atmosphere.

In the studio, as well as on walls throughout the elegant home, an eclectic display of art brought out the art critic in people and was the focus for stimulating discussions.

In the kitchen, champagne corks were popping, as the bubbly flowed freely throughout the evening, complemented by the flavour and texture of fresh strawberries.

A 'bubbly' mood flowed throughout the party as well. The atmosphere was light and elegant, and many expressions of appreciation were heard. "What a great event." "Keep it up." "Nice to see so many new faces."

JCC Singles Coordinator Esther Schvan believes that programs which are interesting and imaginative in themselves will tempt those single people who "don't go to singles events" to give it a try. This theory seems to be working as more and more "new faces" are turning up at events.

The JCC hopes to keep the momentum building on the singles scene with a variety of spring programs. On April 6, radio personality and

cooking expert Peter Crichrane will give a class on vegetarian cooking around the world. On April 30, all singles are invited to dance the night away at Zoe's at

the Chateau Laurier. For more information about singles activities or to get on the JCC singles mailing list, please call Esther Schvan at 596-1076.

Mazal Tov!

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Filet of Salmon with Tomato Relish

2 large salmon fillets, 1" thick
3 Tbsp. fresh lemon juice (save zest)
1 tsp. Dijon mustard
1/2 tsp. salt
Coarsely ground pepper
1/2 cup olive oil
Relish (recipe follows)
cilantro (coriander) for garnish

Place fillets skin side down in shallow, non-aluminum pan. Remove any bones with tweezers. In a small bowl, combine lemon juice, mustard, salt and pepper. Whisk in olive oil. Pour over salmon and marinate 2 hours, covered in refrigerator, turning several times. When ready to cook, heat broiler. Place rack 5" from heat. Remove fish from marinade and place in broiler pan, skin side down. Broil until it flakes very easily, 5-8 minutes. When done, remove and cut each fillet into 3 pieces. Place on platter, top with relish and decorate with fresh coriander. Pass remaining relish separately. Serves 6.

Tomato Coriander Relish

6 Tbsp. olive oil
1 cup chopped onion
2 Tbsp. capers, well drained
4 cups finely chopped Italian plum tomatoes
1 tsp. salt
1/2 tsp. pepper
2 Tbsp. grated lemon zest
6 Tbsp. chopped fresh cilantro (coriander)



SOUP TO NUTS

DONNA KARLIN



Heat oil over medium heat in medium sized skillet. When hot, sauté onions, stirring, for 4 minutes or until translucent. Add capers and tomatoes and cook 3 more minutes. Add salt, pepper and lemon zest. Stir

well. Remove from heat and strain in fine sieve to remove excess liquid. Transfer to small bowl. Stir in cilantro (coriander). Season to taste. Can be made 1 day in advance. Cool, cover and chill. Bring to room temperature before using.

Baked Rice

Can be made ahead of fish and kept covered to stay warm.

2 cups uncooked rice (preferably Uncle Ben's)

2 1/2 cups pave chicken broth

1 1/2 Tbsp. finely chopped onions

1 1/2 Tbsp. finely chopped celery

1 1/2 Tbsp. chopped red pepper

1/2 unsalted butter, melted

1/2 tsp. salt

1/2 tsp. garlic powder

Pinch each black pepper, white pepper and cayenne pepper

Combine all ingredients and pour into loaf pan. Cover tightly with foil and bake in preheated 350 degree oven for 1 hour and 10 minutes or until rice is tender. Serves 6.

Wilted Spinach Salad

1 lb. cleaned fresh spinach

Greek olives

1 clove garlic, finely minced

1 tsp. chopped fresh oregano or 1/2 tsp. dried

4 oz. feta cheese, crumbled

Croutons

4 Tbsp. olive oil

2 Tbsp. wine vinegar

Chop cleaned spinach. Combine all ingredients, except olive oil in large heatproof or metal bowl. Heat oil in saucepan until almost smoking. Pour evenly over salad and toss quickly. Add more vinegar if desired. Serves 6.

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The Many Faces of Survival

In the last few years, books by and about Holocaust survivors have been coming onto the young adult market in ever increasing number. Why do their authors specifically address this group of readers? And why should we encourage kids to read about brutality and slaughter more massive than ever occurred on any battlefield?

For the most part, living Holocaust survivors were the same age or younger when their hells began as the readers they are trying to reach. That is of major significance.

The Holocaust was not directed specifically against adult Jews. It was directed against every Jew, from infants to seniors. The inclusion of Jewish children totally belies attempts to legitimize or explain the slightest aspect of Hitler's progressively heinous "war against the Jews."

Nazi social and economic policies constituted mental and physical abuse. The subsequent violence, forced labor and extermination were a natural progression of that mentality.

To paraphrase Rabbi Harold Kushner, "when bad things happen to good people" the individual response is critical. The range of individual responses that survivors are now describing is staggering.

Stories brimming with resourcefulness, persistence, courage, faith and love abound. Kids should be encouraged to read such stories to learn about responses as much as to learn about the Holocaust.

We Survived the Holocaust

By Elaine Landau
Franklin Watts 1991
144 pps. Ages 12 and up

Kindertransport

By Olga Levy Drucker
Henry Holt and Company 1992

146 pps. Ages 12 and up
We Survived The Holocaust is a compilation of 16 first person accounts of men and women experiencing and miraculously surviving Nazi tyranny. As children they lived in Germany, Poland, Austria, Holland, Hungary, Transylvania and Czechoslovakia. Now they are American grandparents describing their youth in blunt, factual and dispassionate voices.

There are many common elements in the stories: families forced from homes and businesses; transported under sub-human conditions to numerous camps; separation from loved ones; death marches, etc.

But it's the individualization that makes the horror real and the bravery sublime. The non-Jewish neighbor or supervisor who helped. The boy who claimed skills he didn't have. The girl who ate flax seeds. The youths who could pass as non-Jews but didn't. The girl who joined the underground. The ones who escaped. The ones who lived in silence. And the ones forced to watch as relatives were killed.

This is a deeply moving and inspiring collection of stories. Each is a tale of pain and triumph. Each a clarion call that such horrors never happen again.

For kids who want to pursue the theme of "hidden children" I recommend *Jacob's Rescue* by Malka Drucker and Michael Halperin (ages 7-11) and *Behind the Secret Window: A Memoir of a Hidden Childhood During World War Two* by Nelly S. Toll (ages 13 and up).

In the eight months between December 3, 1938 and the start of World War II, 10,000 Jewish children aged four months to 17 years were sent from Nazi Germany to England under a program called *Kindertransport*.

Olga Levy Drucker was one of these children. *Kindertransport* is her autobiography. It is

From the cover of *Kindertransport*

poinciant, gripping and very different from other stories of survival.

Olga was five when her story begins. The year, 1932. The place Stuttgart, Germany. Her family, wealthy, totally assimilated with a bright future before it. A year later Hitler's social and economic measures were casting ever darkening shadows on that future. On March 12, 1939, at age 12, Olga joined the *Kindertransport*.

For the next six years she lived in England with one foster family after another. Suddenly Olga had to live a role worse than that of a poor relation, in a strange country replete with its own kinds of prejudices and wartime difficulties.

Olga's struggles to cope with feelings of emotional estrangement, powerlessness, demands for gratitude, and a teenager's natural quest for identity and fun make for continually absorbing reading.

The power of love

We read of love in all the ages. It is not new. Plato, Plutarch, Milton, hundreds more, wrote about it. Spinoza wrote "Minds are not conquered by force, but by love."

Our potential to love is infinite. We are in training for love from the beginning, at mother's breast — in father's arms. After that we all go through life in search of someone to love.

What do we know of love, really? Can love be defined?

When I was a teenager my friends and I said "Love is an itch that can't be scratched." What does THAT mean?

A high degree of passion and love can begin at 14, 30 or 80. Couples of all ages will continue to "fall in love." Does intellect enter into the definition?

I think not as much as emotion, or a state of feeling. That is the power of love, the affection and tenderness felt by lovers.

But love takes many forms. There is the love for parents, relatives, friends, mate, children and the love of all humankind.

* Love is a need in every human being. There is nothing greater in life than loving and being loved.

You may fall in love with an idea, or have an attachment to an object or thing. How often have you said "I'd love to have some lemonade, or coffee or apple pie, I love that movie, that dress, my boat, this new hair-do."

We use the word more than we think. You may love playing the piano, love your house, good food.

You love your neighborhood or your country. There is the religious form of love which is called love of God.

You can love a pet, be it a dog, cat, bird or rat-like looking hamster.

What's the difference as long as you feel a warm attachment. For love is a feeling that warms the heart. It's a celestial rapture, a rainbow.

The world-famous psychoanalyst, Eric Fromm, wrote "Love is the only satisfactory answer to the problem of human existence."

The four letter word is used to relate to many things. Following are just a few.


**SIXTY
SOMETHING**

RUTH WEITZ

A "love-lock" was a long lock or curl of hair usually hanging over the shoulder and worn in the 17th and 18th centuries.

A "love-child" is an illegitimate child but so is a legitimate child a love child.

A "love-seat" is a double chair, sofa or settee for two persons.

There is the "loving-cup" which is a large ornamental vessel with two or more handles that is used for ceremonial drinking by assembled companions.

A "love-knot" is a stylized knot sometimes used as an emblem of love.

A "love-apple" (from the French pomme d'amour) is a tomato.

There is a European garden plant called "love-in-a-mist."

A "love-bird" is a kind of parakeet that seems to show great affection for its mate.

Love is also a score of zero in tennis. And what grandparent hasn't played cards with a grandchild, not for money but for love?

The expression "for love or money" meaning at any price or any consideration can also be used with a negative "couldn't get him to go along for love or money."

There is also neurotic love but I'm not an analyst and won't touch that.

Finally, in Exodus 21:6 you will read "In love is found the secret of divine unity."

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Auto insurance in Ontario

By Steve Levinson

Legislation has been passed that makes changes to the Ontario Automobile Policy under Bill 164. It is important to understand how these changes affect you.

The major change concerns the right to sue. Victims of automobile accidents are now eligible to sue for pain and suffering, subject to a \$10,000 deductible, but can no longer sue for economic loss such as loss of future earnings. To help offset the impact of these changes, the government has increased the accident benefit coverage available if you are injured in a car accident.

New Ontario benefit coverages:

- You can claim Income Replacement of 90% of your net income, up to a maximum of \$1,000 weekly.
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- Up to \$1,000,000 in

necessary medical and rehabilitation benefits are available.

- If you suffer an impairment that affects your employment or lifestyle, you may qualify for permanent weekly benefits.
- You may qualify for benefits for child care or other household support.
- Death benefits are now four times annual income to a maximum of \$200,000.
- Benefits are now indexed to the cost of living.

Although these changes provide a minimum and equal benefit level to every Ontario resident, if you are in a high income bracket, self-employed or have high earnings potential, these benefits may be inadequate.

Purchasing the optional "Economic Loss Endorsement" would increase the basic coverage for individuals who fall into the following categories:

- High income earners with a net annual income of \$58,000 or more;
- Individuals with recognized potential for future high earnings, e.g. medical students;

- Dependents of high income earners in the event of the death of that earner;
- Anyone who considers four times 90% of their annual income an insufficient death benefit.

Also changed under Bill 164 is a new coverage limit of \$1,500 for "after market" equipment attached to your vehicle. If you have added extra equipment like cellular telephones, stereo components or custom wheels to your vehicle that exceeds this limit, you should consider additional coverage.

Special note to self-employed individuals

Insureds whose main source of income is from self-employment may wish to enter into an agreement with their insurers as to the true level of their earnings for purposes of pre-establishing benefits payable after a claim. If you are self-employed, call your insurance broker for details.

Steve Levinson is president of Levinson-Viner Insurance Brokers.

Bank of Jordan to reopen on West Bank

JERUSALEM (JTA) — The Bank of Jordan has received a license to open its doors again on the West Bank.

The license, which was granted March 16, enables the bank to re-establish a West Bank presence for the first time since the 1967 Six-Day War.

The bank's first branch will open in Ramallah, with others scheduled to follow.

The civil administration in the territories and Israel's supervisor of banks are involved in negotiations with other Arab banks to enable them to set up branches in the West Bank and Gaza.

Banking sources also note that talks with local

businessmen in the territories about establishing a Palestinian bank in the West Bank are also progressing.

A partnership between Israel's Bank Leumi and Palestinian interests to set up a joint banking project in the West Bank had been suggested by the Palestinians in December.

The suggestion was made shortly after Jordan reached an agreement on banking with Israel.

The Jordanian agreement was signed in Washington on Dec. 5 by representatives of the Bank of Israel and the Jordanian central bank.

The agreement paved the way for the speedy reopening of Jordanian banks in the West Bank.

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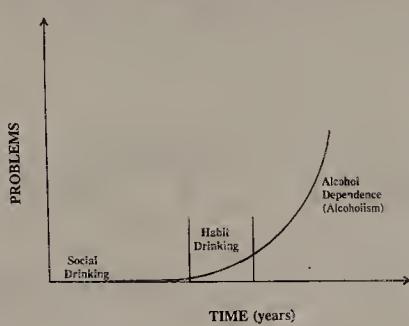
By Dr. Allan Wilson

I am often asked "What constitutes safe drinking?" The question is, in fact, extremely complicated, and there is no simple answer. Implicit in this question is the belief that a certain level of alcohol consumption is problematic.

The Figure (at right) illustrates a simple way to look at drinking practices. Drinking-related problems can arise in the following areas: physical and mental health, family dynamics, interpersonal relationships, interface with the law, and work and financial situations. The precise definition of "problem" is left to the individual. Simply, a social drinker is someone who consumes alcohol without creating problems by its consumption.

Within the disease model of alcoholism, an individual with extensive problems resulting from drinking is referred to as an alcoholic or, preferably, as being alcohol dependent. Between these two extremes there is a transition state, which can best be referred to as habit drinking. It is the habit drinking state which will likely be of greatest interest to those reading this article.

Before going on, it is important to emphasize that alcohol dependence is familial — there is strong evi-



dence for a genetic predisposition to alcoholism. To assess one's genetic risk, one should look primarily at whether or not one's parents abused alcohol, since the strongest genetic influence comes from them. Significantly less important indicators are the drinking habits of one's biological aunts and uncles, grandparents and siblings.

If there is no known family history of alcoholism despite a good knowledge of the family tree, the individual is probably at little risk for developing alcohol dependence.

The following discussion of habit drinking per-

tains most strongly to those with a family history.

Now to return to habit drinking. During this transition stage, the individual engages in one of the following drinking behaviors: daily drinking, loss of control in alcohol consumption; drinking to cope with interpersonal stresses; and drinking in response to problems. Given a genetic risk for alcoholism, any of these behaviors, if not arrested, is likely to lead eventually to alcohol dependence.

The boundary between habit drinking and alcohol dependence is of great interest clinically because those

who are still habit drinkers can retrain themselves to be social drinkers. Those who have crossed the boundary into alcohol dependence or alcoholism are no longer able to do this. For such individuals, the evidence is overwhelming that the only reasonable strategy for dealing with the problem is total abstinence.

If you wonder which side of the boundary you are on, there is a very simple test. Stop drinking for three months and, if you can do this without craving alcohol or becoming irritable and having rapid mood swings, you are probably a habit drinker. At that point, you can either decide (wisely) to remain abstinent and not regain the weight you have lost or resume drinking according to some simple guidelines. If you are unable to stop can stop only with great difficulty or experience frequent cravings for alcohol, you have probably crossed the boundary into alcohol dependence and you should seek help for this problem.

If you have stopped drinking for three months without difficulty and want to initiate a safe drinking pattern,

the following guidelines may be helpful.

Drink no more

than three standard drinks

(5 oz. table wine/1.5 oz.

spirits/1 bottle of beer) during any 24 hour period and do this no more than three days a week.

No, you can't save up and drink six drinks in a row over midnight! You should monitor your compliance with this strategy carefully. If you find your alcohol consumption is increasing beyond these guidelines, you will likely have to rethink your situation.

This discussion is only relevant to adults who consume alcohol. The question of drinking among teenagers or adolescents is quite different and much more complicated.

Should you feel the need to discuss this further, you should contact your family physician or health care professional. You could also contact the Royal Ottawa Hospital Addiction Service at 724-6508 or the Addiction Assessment Services at 741-8941. There are many resources available to help people address their drinking problems and an appointment with your physician will start you out in the right direction.

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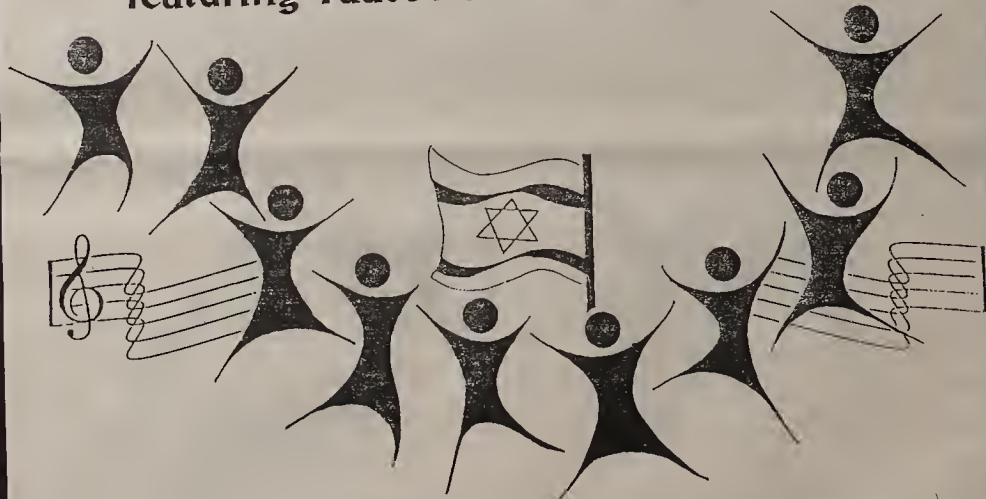
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SPECIAL

Massacre gives visitors sombre view of Israel

By Bonnie Carroll

It seemed like perfect timing for our first trip to Israel. The peace process was going so well — it was a safe time to go. The Jewish National Fund trip offered extensive touring at an affordable price, so my husband and I took advantage of this opportunity to fulfil a life-long ambition to visit Israel.

We arrived at Ben Gurion airport on February 17, 1994. The sun was shining, which was definitely a good omen for the trip, as we had been warned that February could be a rainy, cool time of the year.

We were briefed on the current political situation in Israel and the faith that Israelis have in the present peace process. We were told that it was the Israeli mothers that had brought forward the most forceful arguments to reach peace agreements with the Palestinians and the neighboring Arab countries. Israeli women could no longer bear the thought of sending their children into the military and certain danger. As a mother with teenage children, I related to the anguish these Israeli mothers must face. Throughout the trip, even at our visit to an army base, Israelis told us that they were looking forward to finally living in peace.

Thursday, February 24, was our first full day in Jerusalem and it was an emotional one. We went to Yad Vashem and felt even stronger about Israel's survival as a Jewish state. We spent a short time at the Western Wall. It was hard to believe that there was no access to this holiest site from 1948 until 1967.

Friday, February 25 will go down

Friday, February 25 will go down in the history books as a dark day in Israel.

in the history books as a dark day in Israel. It was unbelievable that our perfect trip could be marred by the killings in Hebron. Our itinerary continued as planned. We nervously proceeded to our visit of Mount Scopus and Ammunition Hill. I say nervously, because we were aware of the large numbers of army units congregating in the vicinity, as well as the massive number of buses lining the streets bringing Muslims to their prayer services. We were told that this was all normal for a Friday morning, but we could detect our guide's nervous tone. He could not deny that reprisals were bound to occur and that the Hebron incident would be a set-back for the peace process.

We were trying to assess the situation as we drove along the streets. We noticed a small group of soldiers playing an impromptu soccer game in a field on the side of the road. Someone on our tour bus interpreted this as a way to break the high tension they are under while they wait to be called to duty if an accident should occur in the area. We all agreed with this assessment, but it would have been preferable to believe that they were playing soccer because they had nothing to worry about. It was soon after this that the stones were thrown down over the Western Wall, as the Palestinians waged an uprising in response to the Hebron attack.

Most of the information we received was from CNN. It was strange watching events on television that were occurring a couple of blocks from our hotel. It was frightening for my family in Ottawa knowing that we were in the vicinity of these uprisings. We did not see or hear anything directly. We did hear loud chanting on Friday afternoon, but were informed that it was a large Peace Now demonstration nearby.

We didn't know if we should be very fearful that something horrible could happen to us imminently, or assume that we were very safe. We couldn't help but feel nervous as we joined throngs of Israelis on Ben Yehuda Street just prior to Shabbat. It was also Purim and the noises from children playing with cap guns filled the air, causing further anxiety. While we were told by the tour organizer not to worry, we were also told that our Saturday walking tour of the old city was canceled due to the potential danger there.

Saturday night, the mayor of Jerusalem, Ehud Olmert was scheduled to speak at our closing banquet. Under the circumstances of the day, we were surprised that Mr. Olmert appeared. He expressed his regret about the Hebron attack and his concern for reprisal action. He told us that he was committed to ensuring that Jerusalem would remain united and part of Israel.

My husband and I debated whether to join a public tour of the old city on Sunday. Our tour organizer did not advise us, as there was still a fear of danger and the Moslem Quarter was shut down as a

result of strike action to protest the Hebron incident. We decided to take the risk anyway and join a public tour. In retrospect, I'm glad we went, because we were able to experience the old city, a definite highlight of Jerusalem. It was certainly eerie and a little frightening scampering along the dark winding and virtually abandoned streets of the Moslem Quarter. But, we experienced the joy of Purim in the Jewish Quarter, as residents shared shalach manos with their neighbors.

Later that day, we were talking to Israelis in shops and restaurants on Ben Yehuda Street. One young woman, originally from the United States, told us that a couple of years ago when she first arrived in Israel, she noticed that Israelis were tense, given the security risks they lived under. This tension had almost disappeared since the peace process began, but now, she said, the tension and worry is back worse than ever. Israelis were upset over the Hebron killings and concerned about the future prospects for peace. We heard this sentiment over and over again.

After experiencing the potential danger that we did, we are asked if we would return to Israel. I can answer that without hesitation — absolutely! I feel that we have an important partnership with Israelis. They are hard working and industrious and have developed a Jewish state for all of us. We have to support them, especially now to bring about the peace that we all so desperately desire.

Historical Society collections reveal local Jewish history

Few Ottawans are familiar with the OJHS archives where many of our community records are sheltered and preserved. The repository located at 151 Chapel Street has delighted researchers and students keen to write term papers about Jewish topics. Here, through the historical record, students are introduced to the accomplishments of our community.

Every Monday and Wednesday staff members and volunteers can be found meticulously arranging metres of paper so that their interesting contents can be organized for preservation. Some collections re-arranged over the past months reveal the following interesting histories:

Ottawa Hebrew Benefit Society 1917-1968

Organized in 1912 it was one of the first Jewish organizations to provide benefits and social programs for Jewish immigrants. The founders were I.L. Lightstone, first president; O. Petigorsky, D. Adelman, A. Sugarman, J. Richter, A.W. Teitelbaum, A. Goldberg, M. Friedman and H. Berlin. Incorporated in 1915 the Society administered a sick benefit fund and burial services for members. Medical doctors under contract to the Society included Dr. Nathan Schechter, Dr. S. Smolkin, Dr. Aaron Kastner, Dr. Morris Resnick and Dr. E.B. Nichols. During World War II, the War Services Fund provided services to enlisted men. The 50 cm. of textual records were donated to the OJHS by Jack Levin in 1972, Max Kaplan in 1984 and Charlotte (Mrs. Moe) Slack in 1991.

Labour Zionist Council of Ottawa 1941-1993

Organized Labour Zionism in Ottawa began in 1924 with a Yiddish speaking Poale-Zion group concerned with education and social activities. Poale-Zion evolved into the League for Labour Palestine, and around 1935 became the Histadrut League of Ottawa. Dedicated to supporting health, educational and social welfare programs in Israel, it started fundraising in 1925 as the annual Ottawa Chalutzim Campaign, and changed its name to the Histadrut Campaign of Ottawa in 1944. In Ottawa it organized the first Holocaust Remembrance Day commemoration. It also began adult education pro-



This Ottawa Talmud Torah photo from 1941 was sent to the Ottawa Jewish Historical Society by Max Baron through Lillian Kimmel. Mr. Baron recently passed away in Minneapolis. Front row, from left: Kalman Rubin, Helen Altow, Joe Silver, Bernie Rosenblatt, Sol Shinder, Percy Brill, Arnold Gosewich. Second row: Shirley Grafman, Barbara Levinson, Ed Kerzner, Reuben Silver, Roslyn Fleet, Max Baron. Third row: Moishe Chaim Shaffer, Sheila Ballon, Lillian Tavel, and the teacher, Miss Crouch.

grams, the study of Yiddish and the support of performing Yiddish theatre groups.

The first Histadrut Centre was established at 78 Rideau Street, now part of the Rideau Centre. In 1949 the Council purchased a large residence at 292 Laurier East in Sandy Hill. This social centre was sold in 1978 with the demographic movement of many members to the west end of Ottawa.

There are photographs, songs and a 184 page handwritten diary kept by Moe Slack that records his personal activities and observations between 1951 and 1957.

Na'amat Pioneer Women, Ottawa Council 1938-1983

This was a branch of Na'amat Pioneer Women of Canada, which provides a broad spectrum of social services to raise the quality of life for women, youth and children in Israel. Pioneer Women was founded in 1911 in Palestine as Moetzet Hapoalot, or Working Women's Council, initially affiliated with Ameri-

can groups. Canadian women formed a separate organization in 1965. The name Na'amat which is a Hebrew acronym for the Movement of Working Women and Volunteers, was adopted in 1976.

The first group of Ottawa Pioneer Women was founded in 1938 under the guidance of Mrs. Dora Green, mother of Lorne Green. That group named Golda Myerson was later renamed Golda Meir. Program material was both cultural and political, and conducted in Yiddish. The second group, Dagania, formed in December of 1943, was the first English speaking group under the guidance of Sylvia Shinder and Ida Krakover. Another group which functioned in the 1940s was Zionia. Kinnereth known for exceptional cultural programs was formed in October of 1959 with Dina Shalom as its chair. A fifth group Chana Szemes, was founded by Sonia Viner in 1959. Other groups Tikkud and Medina were active in the 1950s. Aviva was formed in 1975, Nitza in 1986 and Ahava in 1989. Among a variety of fundraising activities, the Ottawa Jewish Telephone Directory predominates.

Of particular interest is a history of Ottawa Pioneer Women handwritten by Sonia Viner in 1973. The collection includes plays, skits and songs written and produced by members.

Dror-Habonim 1958-1990

Dror-Habonim is the youth movement of the Labour Zionist Movement in Canada and the United States. In Ottawa, Habonim was first organized in the early 1940s. Weekend social events, Camp Kvitzah at Lac Philippe, and a Jewish boys basketball league were part of their activities. It commenced in 1961 under the leadership of Shirley Berman. The first Israeli schlichim were Gad and Aviva Berman. Niki Eichler continued as coordinator. The Ottawa chapter promotes youth programs locally and in Israel, publishes a newsletter and participates in and helps staff Camp Gesher.

The archives continues to seek additional records to help complete these and other collections. Funding for the arrangement and description of the collections was provided by the Ottawa Vaad Ha'Ir and the Canadian Council of Archives.

SPECIAL

Dachau: A chilling experience

By Mariana Herskovitz and Stanley Farber

Editor's note: Mariana and Stanley recently visited Israel. On their way, they stopped in Munich and went to nearby Dachau. They write about their feelings and experiences in Munich and Dachau.

We had planned to visit Israel. We had not planned to visit Germany. But our route to Israel was via Munich and we were entitled to a stopover. After much discussion and soul searching, we decided to stay in Munich for two days so that we could visit nearby Dachau and, in a small way, pay our respects to family we had lost during the Holocaust.

Our first day in Munich led us by the site where Hitler's uprising first began and where he often returned to make his renowned diatribes against Jews. Mind you, there is no marker at the site; however, standing in the square, we stepped back in time and could envision the hundreds of thousands of young Nazis in years gone by lined up and down the road to catch a glimpse of their Führer.

Today, however, people were hurrying back and forth without seemingly a thought of what transpired here over 60 years ago.

That evening we walked the streets of Munich. We entered one of the famous Munich pubs — and again travelled back in time as if today were yesterday. The crowd singing and swaying to old German melodies, raising their beer steins in tribute to the Fatherland, while laughing and sneering at a group of Japanese tourists that dared to enter their private domain.

A sense of unease came over us as we quickly fled the crowded and noisy premises to the safety of the dark and quiet outdoors.

Trains mindless of purpose

The next morning we awoke early to travel to Dachau — a short 20 minute train ride from Munich. Dachau, KZ was one of the first concentration camps in Germany named after the town in which the camp was situated.

The trains still travel directly to Dachau — mindless of the purpose that they brought their victims there for years ago. Disembarking from the train felt eerie. As with these



Above: Crematorium at Dachau.

Right: Jewish memorial at Dachau.

As we climbed onto the first bus, the townspeople must have easily recognized why we were there. "Dachau camp," they blared, "wrong bus" and indicated to us to board the one on the opposite side.

that were brought here in the past for an uncertain future, we had no idea which way to turn or what to expect when we did find the camp.

Our guide book told us to take a bus from outside the train station directly to the camp. As we climbed onto the first bus, the townspeople must have easily recognized why we were there. "Dachau camp," they blared, "wrong bus" and indicated to us to board the one on the opposite side.

Fortunately we crossed the road to the other bus and found ourselves among schoolchildren on their way



to the camp, presumably to learn about this small town which became synonymous all over the world for the terror of the Nazi regime.

The bus left us about 500 metres from the camp entrance. The road to the entrance was parallel to a 10 foot barbed wire fence and watchtowers along the way.

As we came closer to the entrance, all we could see of the grounds was a large open field with a few old buildings and stones where buildings once stood. We entered through a gate marked "Arbeit Macht Frei" (Work Makes You Free)

which was the frightening trademark of all the Nazi camps.

As we walked through the site, we learned about the camp and the atrocities that took place. A museum with horrific pictures, terrifying articles and historic remnants tells the story from the rise of Nazism to the liberation of the camp.

Exiting from the museum after viewing a frightening documentary of the camp's history, we were relieved to breathe the fresh air — the same air that the inmates breathed during their nightmare at Dachau, except that we were free to go and they were not.

Although Dachau was not a mass extermination camp, it did have gas chambers. It had working crematoria to quickly dispose of the countless thousands of persons who died by torture, execution, hunger and epidemics.

Entering the crematoria and witnessing a single flower in one of the ovens was the most chilling experience of our lives; we were moved, we were silent, we cried.

There are memorials at Dachau for the Christians, homosexuals and Jews that were murdered at the camp. It is the Jewish memorial which obviously struck us the most.

A simple structure to which you walk down a decline until you see a ladder through the gate at the bottom reaching upwards towards the open sky — freedom. Just to the right of the ladder is a lit memorial with the words "Yizkor" inscribed on the wall. Remember — we surely will.

Never again

It was time to leave. We had paid our respects, gained a bit of understanding but still could not possibly fully fathom what our people must have lived through during the Holocaust. All we could think of while leaving was "Never Again."

The next morning we left for Israel. Landing at Ben Gurion Airport three hours later, it was a sharp and sudden contrast to the country of strangers we had just left and probably will never understand, to arrive in the country of friends and family which holds out for all of us the spirit of hope and strength.

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SPECIAL

Shabbat in Bucharest

A portrait of a unique community

Editor's Note: This article concludes the *Bulletin's* series on Jewish life in Eastern Europe.

By Deborah Kazis

Crossing the border into Romania from Bulgaria on an overnight train, there's a loud knock on my door in the middle of the night. A uniformed border guard loudly demands \$100 for a stamp. His English is good enough to threaten to throw me and my bags off the train. Twenty dollars later, all is forgiven. The 200 mile train ride takes 13 hours, but I make it to Bucharest, Romania's capital, just in time for Shabbat.

Bulgaria and Romania are neighbors, but they are worlds apart. It seems that the temperature plummets and the snow begins to fall as we cross the border. Bulgaria has a warm, Mediterranean feel but Romania is bitter cold, and the military seems to be everywhere. People are bundled in fur hats and coats.

Friday night almost 100 people come to Bucharest's magnificent Choral Synagogue which dates to 1866. I sit next to Rosa Epstein, an elderly heavy-set woman with pink round friendly face. She's dressed in many layers of thin clothing and thick green rubber boots and keeps talking to me in Yiddish. She is so delighted to have someone listening that I don't have the heart to tell her that my Yiddish is limited to five words.

She tells me how proud she is of the beautiful synagogue and hushes me to be quiet when Rabbi Rosen enters wearing his deep purple yarmulke and sash and large Star of David. It is warm and glowing inside as Romania's Chief Rabbi leads a traditional service while music from the choir three balconies up fills the enormous sanctuary.

The shochet's wife appears and steers me to a seat in the front of the balcony in the section reserved for the Rabbi's wife. As Mrs. Rosen enters, an attendant puts a large cushion on her chair before she sits. She greets me and inquires whether I prefer to speak in Hebrew, English or French.

During the Holocaust

Before World War II almost a million Jews were living in Romania. Only half survived the Holocaust, and most of the survivors went to Israel. Although a shadow of what they once were, the 18,000 Jews in Romania today are a true community.

Throughout Eastern Europe Jewish life was almost completely decimated, first by Hitler and then by Communist policies of forced assimilation and complete isolation from the outside Jewish world.

Not in Romania. Through his sheer determination and strength of personality, Chief Rabbi Rosen has been able to help his community to



Romanian Jewish students of all ages sing traditional Jewish songs in Yiddish and Hebrew for a Saturday night concert in the Jewish Community Centre in Bucharest, Romania.

survive, and to survive as Jews. Communism in Romania was brutal, but the Jews were allowed, for a price, to emigrate to Israel, and to live as Jews. They could study Hebrew and run Jewish schools and welfare programs, and the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee (JDC) was allowed to provide support. Romania's Jews were never completely cut off from their Jewishness.

Romanian Jewry today

Today the community is anxious for visitors, for connections with Jews from other countries. Mr. Diamant, the community's Protocol Director yearns for busier days. "They don't come to visit anymore," he tells me. "American Jews came when there was Ceausescu to see a Jewish community living under Communism. But now that the Communism is gone, they don't come anymore."

I am invited to Friday night dinner in the synagogue library, an exquisite wood paneled room where ancient leather copies of the Talmud line the walls. Throughout dinner the Jewish student choir performs for the Rabbi and his wife, who sit formally in thronelike chairs. Specifically songs and a speech on the centrality of women in Judaism are offered in honor of Mrs. Rosen's 88th birthday.

On Saturday morning, fewer people brave the cold to come to services. Only five women occupy the balcony which could seat hundreds. Inside it is warm and it is Shabbat. Outside is Bucharest — cold, dark and depressing.

The newly fallen snow is frozen and black. Filthy yellow electric trains zoom through the city. The cobblestone streets are treacherous. Unmarked gaping holes where people have stolen the manhole covers dot the avenues.

Economic conditions in Romania



The Director of the Rosen Old Age Home in Bucharest, Romania, (standing) shows off a self-portrait by a resident in the Home's Arts Center.

are desperate. "From November until April," I'm told, "the only vegetable available is cabbage." Even for those who can pay any price, goods such as milk are impossible to find. Lines of small dirty cars waiting for gas stretch for many blocks.

Anti-Semitism is frequently voiced in the media and press. Under Communism this was illegal, but now all views can be expressed. Many fear a rise in anti-Semitism should the economic situation continue to worsen or the political situation destabilize.

"Since the end of Communism, the economic situation has deteriorated, and it is much harder now for the elderly," says Zvi Feine, JDC's Country Director for Romania. "But there is also less fear, and more Jews are willing to identify with the community."

The average age of Romania's Jews is 65. For them the community — with support from JDC — provides desperately needed goods and services: food — including kosher meat, doctors, medicines, warm clothing and firewood.

Chicken soup, delicious egg and onion salad, and hearty meat smothering noodles are served for lunch in the community's kosher restaurant on Popa Soare Street. The restaurant serves 350 kosher meals a day and the community delivers many hundreds more to elderly Jews who can't leave home. The food is hot and plentiful — quite a rarity in Romania.

Romanian Jewry's future

"What is the future for Romania's Jews?" I ask everyone I meet. I hear over and over with a shrug of shoulders, "I don't know." Then with broad smiles they add, "the young people will all go to Israel!"

The old will remain and fill the four old age homes, and the young will continue to increase Israel's Romanian population.

Rabbi Rosen has set for himself an impossible task. He has dedicated his life to keeping his community alive and thriving — to keeping the Hebrew schools and choirs filled with young people exploring their history and culture and learning Hebrew and Yiddish — while at the same time encouraging the youth to seek a better life in Israel.

Saturday night almost a hundred Jewish youth give a spectacular concert. Rabbi and Mrs. Rosen sit front row centre and clap and sing along in Yiddish and Hebrew.

The children from tiny tots to University students sing traditional Jewish and Israeli songs — "Hava Nagila," "Hevenu Shalom Alechem" and "Bei Mir Bist Du Shein" — on a stage decorated in the blue and white of an Israeli flag. I don't know who is singing louder — the choir on the stage or the little ones sitting behind me. "They will all go to Israel," says Rabbi Rosen proudly.

After a short reception with soda and cake, everyone piles into their coats and boots. We leave the warmth of the concert hall, and it is once again cold, dark and cheerless. Three soldiers stand silently in the falling snow guarding the Jewish Centre against possible attacks. Shabbat is over, and I'm back in Romania.

Deborah Kazis recently visited Jewish communities throughout Eastern Europe. Before returning to Columbia University to pursue a master's degree, she was the East European Desk Officer for the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee.

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JEWISH COMMUNITY CALENDAR

MONDAY, APRIL 4	TUESDAY, APRIL 5	WEDNESDAY, APRIL 6	THURSDAY, APRIL 7	FRIDAY, APRIL 8	SATURDAY, APRIL 9	SUNDAY, APRIL 10
United Jewish Appeal Mission to Ottawa Bus Tour, 7:00 p.m.	Jewish Community Centre Shir-Am: Songs of our People, Jewish Community Centre, 151 Chapel, 11:00 a.m. Teenzy Tykes and Toddlers Culture Club Mom and Me Fitness, 25 Esquimalt Drive, 11:00 a.m. Jewish Community Centre Drop-In Diner, Jewish Community Centre, 151 Chapel Street, 12:00 p.m. Teenzy Tykes and Toddlers Culture Club Mom and Me Fitness, 25 Esquimalt Drive, 4:15 p.m. Teenzy Tykes and Toddlers Culture Club Fitness for Teens, 25 Esquimalt Drive, 7:00 p.m. Teenzy Tykes and Toddlers Culture Club Fitness for Women, 25 Esquimalt Drive, 8:00 p.m.	Jewish Community Centre Singles Cooking Class with Polar Cochrane, 7:30 p.m.				Box (Parshat) Exchange, Beth Shalom West, 1500 Esquimalt Avenue, 9:30 a.m. Teenzy Tykes and Toddlers Culture Club Program: Shalom Israel, 25 Esquimalt Avenue, 10:30 a.m. Jewish Community Centre/Machzikei Hadas Sunday-Funday, Machzikei Hadas, 2310 Virginia, 1:30 - 3:30 p.m. Teenzy Tykes and Toddlers Culture Club Mom and Me Fitness, 3:30 p.m.; Dad and Me Fitness, 25 Esquimalt, 5 p.m., 25 Esquimalt Drive.
MONDAY, APRIL 11	TUESDAY, APRIL 12	WEDNESDAY, APRIL 13	THURSDAY, APRIL 14	FRIDAY, APRIL 15	SATURDAY, APRIL 16	SUNDAY, APRIL 17
Israel Program Centre Rosh Chodesh Lecture, Professor Gerald Tchernikey, "The Holocaust and Israel: A Perspective from 1994", Machzikei Hadas Congregation, 2310 Virginia Drive, 8:00 p.m.	Jewish Community Centre Shir-Am: Songs of our People, JCC, 151 Chapel Street, 11:00 a.m. Teenzy Tykes and Toddlers Culture Club Mom and Me Fitness, 25 Esquimalt Drive, 11:00 a.m., 4:15 p.m. Jewish Community Centre Drop-In Diner, JCC, 151 Chapel Street, 12:00 p.m. Teenzy Tykes and Toddler Culture Club Fitness for Teens, 25 Esquimalt Drive, 7:00 p.m. Chavat Chapter Art Meeting, Speaker: Sharon Gray, "Water and Watercolor", Home of Cheryl Dubotsky, 43 Cedarhill Drive, 7:30 p.m. Teenzy Tykes and Toddler Culture Club Fitness for Women, 25 Esquimalt, 8 p.m. Machzikei Hadas Sisterhood General Meeting, Panel Discussion, "Violence in the Schools", Machzikei Hadas Congregation, 2310 Virginia Drive, 8:00 p.m. Malca Pass Library Book Discussion Group Book Review, "Glickel of Hamelin", Reviewer: Rabbi Elliot Malinow, Agudath Israel Congregation, 1400 Coldrey Avenue, 8 p.m.	Yom Ha'Atzmaut Program, Jewish Community Centre, 151 Chapel Street, 6:45 p.m.	Jewish Community Centre Adults for Lively Leisure Luncheon and Lecture, Agudath Israel Congregation, 1400 Coldrey Avenue, 12:00 noon. Yom Ha'Atzmaut Flag Raising Ceremony, Ottawa City Hall, 111 Sussex Dr., 12:15 p.m. Beth Shalom/Jewish Community Centre/Jewish Family Service Book Omnibus Series: Rabbi Braun's Topic: "Death and Mourning", JCC, 151 Chapel, 7:30 p.m.	CANDLELIGHTING: BEFORE 7:15 P.M.		Temple Israel: Women of Reform Judaism "Spring Into Spring Dance", Temple Israel, 1301 Prince of Wales Drive, 8:00 p.m. Annual Tea, Home of Marion Mayman, 14 Coldrey Avenue, 2:00 p.m. Teenzy Tykes and Toddlers Culture Club Mom and Me Fitness, 25 Esquimalt Drive, 3:30 p.m. Teenzy Tykes and Toddlers Culture Club Dad and Me Fitness, 25 Esquimalt Drive, 5:00 p.m. Agudath Shalom Congregation Adult Education Presentation: "The History, Design and Development of the New City Hall in Jerusalem", 2720 Wildwood Street, 7:30 p.m.
						SHALOM OTTAWA - 10:00 P.M.

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